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1. AT INFORMAL AUGUST 7 MEETING AT DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH AND AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE BURELLI RIVAS GENERAL SUBJECT OF CURRENT MOVES PERTINENT TO UNILATERAL OR OAS ACTION AFFECTING STATUS OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

2. THEY REVIEWED FOR HIM COMPLEX OF COSTA RICA-VENEZUELA-COLOMBIA DEVELOPMENTS WHICH LED TO AND GREW OUT OF AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S RECENT TRIP. GREAT APPRECIATION WAS EXPRESSED FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ WILLINGNESS RECEIVE MAILLIARD ON SHORT NOTICE IN MIDST OF UNUSUALLY BUSY SCHEDULE AND FOR HIS READINESS COOPERATE ON TIMING OF ANY OAS ACTION ON CUBA ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY USG. BECAUSE OF THIS SINCERE APPRECIATION KUBISCH SAID USG WAS DISMAYED BY REPORTS OF SUBSEQUENT MEDIA TREATMENT IN
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VENEZUELA OF MAILLIARD TRIP AND BY INDICATIONS PRESIDENT

PEREZ MIGHT ATTRIBUTE THIS TO PURPOSEFUL LEAK FROM OFFICIAL
USG SOURCES. BOTH KUBISCH AND MAILLIARD EMPHASIZED HOW
HIGHLY ILLOGICAL IT WOULD BE FROM STANDPOINT ITS OWN
INTERESTS FOR USG TO BE BEHIND ANY SUCH LEAK. THEY DENIED
CATEGORICALLY LEAK WAS USG-INSPIRED AND SPECULATED THAT IT
CAME FROM OAS DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON. THEY NOTED STORY
WAS APPARENTLY WRITTEN BY ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN, PERHAPS WITH
TROUBLE-MAKING IN MIND. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER
ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT THIS DEVELOPMENT UPON HIGHLY VALUED
RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND URGED BURELLI
IMPRESS UPON PEREZ UTTER GOOD FAITH OF USG.

3. BURELLI EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM,
PROMISED CABLE GOV ON SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY, AND SAID HE
WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH PERSONAL PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT
PEREZ FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO CARACAS ON SATURDAY.

4. KUBISCH THANKED BURELLI WARMLY FOR HIS READINESS
COOPERATE ON THIS INITIAL PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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